

Annual Reports

he Selectmen And Other Town Officers of the Town of

ALSTEAD, NH



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

2007

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008

TOWN INFORMATION

Selectmen 835-2986 Meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Town Clerk – Tax Collector 835-2242

Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM – 5:45 PM

Planning Board – 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1st Monday of the month @ 7:30 PM

Zoning Officer: Hans Waldmann 835-6138

Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 835-9018 evenings

Asst. Health Officer: Lelemae O'Brien 835-2349 evenings

Conservation Commission – 1st Wednesday of the month @ 5:00 PM

Fire Department

Regular Meeting – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Ambulance/Rescue Squad – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Drills held on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Library Hours 835-6661

Wednesday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Transfer Station Hours 835-2425

Wednesday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Town Highway Garage 835-2428

DEDICATION



DONALD E. BASCOM

Donald E. Bascom will be fondly remembered for his beautifully composed addresses in Alstead and surrounding towns at the perennial Memorial Day Services and at the Alstead Festival. Don loved and appreciated Alstead, and served his, and our, Town well in many capacities. When his daughters were young, Don and his wife, Kitty, were very involved in PTA, Dollars for Scholars, and 4-H. Don also served on the board of directors for the Fall Mountain YMCA and Crotched Mountain.

Don was active in Alstead's plans for the future as a member of the Planning Board for 10 years. He belonged to The American Legion Post in Alstead for 35 years, and served as Commander for 6 years. He also served at the Legion for 6 years as the chairman of the Oratorical Committee, helping young students prepare and give speeches for which they won scholarships to further their education. His membership with the Legion led him to be an avid supporter of the Alstead Boy Scouts Troop, even courageously judging a chili competition. (Don was not fond of spicy food.)

As a member of the Vilas Alumni, Don served from 1959 as head of the Daniel Metcalf Scholarship Fund. He was awarded the position of honorary life chairman. One thing Don would not give up was fundraising for the Alstead Veterans Memorial. It was his final project before his passing in August of 2007.

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TOWN OFFICIALS 2007

William M. Moran	Selectman	Term End 2008
Matthew D. Saxton	Selectman	Term End 2009
Joel C. McCarty	Selectman	Term End 2010
Peter Rhoades	Moderator	Term End 2008
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term End 2009
Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term End 2008
David Crosby	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Robert Bromley	Police Chief	Appointed
Russell Pope	Animal Control	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Joel C. McCarty	Emergency Managment	Appointed
Julia Cunniff	Librarian	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Health Officer	Appointed
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2008
Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2009
Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2010
Carol Renzelman	Library Trustee	Term End 2008
Erin Heidorn	Library Trustee	Term End 2008
Almut Yakovleff	Library Trustee	Term End 2009
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term End 2010
Jeanne Moody	Library Trustee	Term End 2010
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2008
Melissa Fredriksen	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2010
Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2012
	Inspector of Elections	
Penny Gendron	Sandra Greene JoAnne Stevens	Gertrude Putnam

Randall F. Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2008
Peter Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2008
Rosemarie Caffrey	Planning Board	Term End 2009
Joyce Curl	Planning Board	Term End 2009
Gloria Seddon	Ex-Officio Member	Term End 2009
Michael Balamuth	Alternate	Term End 2009
Richard Nalevanko	Planning Board	Term End 2010
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2010
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2008
Richard Minard	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2009
Dirk Doughty	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2009
Samuel Sutcliffe	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2010
Joseph H. Cartwright	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2010
David Moody	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm	Term End 2008
Bruce Bellows	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm	Term End 2010
W. Daniel Hall	Conservation Commission	Term End 2008
John Flanagan	Conservation Commission	Term End 2008
David W. Moody	Conservation Commission	Term End 2008
Mary Hendrick	Conservation Commission	Term End 2009
Marilou Blaine	Conservation Commission	Term End 2009
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2010
Joy Nalevanko	Conservation Commission	Term End 2010
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2008
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2009
Reginald Clark	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2010
Robert Pearson	School Board Member Alstead Rep. Fall Mt. Consolidated School Officer	Term End 2010
Alan Dustin	FMRSD Budget Committee	Term End 2010

TOWN OF ALSTEAD BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place a cross (x) **in** either the YES or NO box after each article.

Article 2. “Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,431,013? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,274,670, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.**

YES

NO

ARTICLE 3: “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than two hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$245,000) gross budget, to purchase 22 High Street and 11 Bragg Lane (Tax Map II, Lot 128 and Lot 128A-a sixteen acre parcel extending the entire length (north side) of the Cold River from the Village Bridge to Vilas Pool). Of this total, the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is to be applied from Fund Balance, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) is authorized to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund for Parks & Conservation established in 1996; ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is authorized to be withdrawn from the Town’s Land Conservation Fund established in 1988; with the balance of not more than sixty five thousand dollars (\$65,000) to be taken from unreserved fund balance?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This article will result in no new taxation.**

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4: “Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell, by sealed bid, the 12 acres on Gilsum Mine Road (Tax Map 62. Lot 16) which was acquired on 12/08/05 by Tax Collector’s Deed at Book 2306, page 583, for the purpose of purchasing 22 High Street and 11 Bragg Lane (Tax Map 11, Lot 128 and 128A; as further described in Article 3)? The entire amount of the proceeds of the sale of land as authorized above will be placed into unreserved fund balance. This Article will take effect only if Article 3 is also adopted.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This article will result in no new taxation.**

YES

NO

ARTICLE 5: “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred eighty five (\$113,885) for the maintenance of the first half of Thayer Brook Road from the Acworth Town Line to Rhoades Road and to reconstruct the second half of Thayer Brook Road from the Rhoades Road to the Marlow Town Line?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.**

YES

NO

ARTICLE 6: “Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety nine thousand dollars (\$99,000) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds?

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**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
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YES NO

ARTICLE 7:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand four hundred seven dollars (\$10,407) to purchase and install a Waste Oil Furnace for the Highway Barn?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.**

YES NO

ARTICLE 8:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$9,800) to purchase “in car video” systems for the Police cruisers and to authorize the withdrawal of four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4,900) from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 1992 for that purpose and to apply four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4,900) from a State Grant, with no portion of this amount to be raised by taxation?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.**

This article will result in no new taxation.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 9:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed into the Town’s Land Conservation Fund established in 1988 for the acquisition of land, easements, and development rights determined to be of significant environmental value to the Town? Under RSA 36-A amounts from this fund may be spent for these purposes without further town meeting approval, if approved by the Selectmen, and by the Conservation Commission after holding a public hearing.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.**

This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 10:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the repair of the stones and monuments in the Town cemeteries?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.**

This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 11:”Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$18,900) to paint the Alstead Historical building?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget**

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 12:”Shall the Town Resolve: We the citizens of Alstead, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the “Pledge”, have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.**

YES **NO**

Budget - Town of Alstead 2008

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		59125	58547	62760	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		29850	22760	32537	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		37100	34761	44799	
4152	Revaluation of Property		22800	29635	24000	
4153	Legal Expense		14000	13188	15000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		147900	145449	157218	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		8000	7453	8550	
4194	General Government Buildings		105500	113181	167000	
4195	Cemeteries		3500	3500	3500	
4196	Insurance		18000	16597	17000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		3200	3510	4000	
4199	Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		185050	136167	174643	
4215-4219	Ambulance		36050	28382	36050	
4220-4229	Fire		56200	43405	56200	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management		1500	2695	18500	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		4000	1827	4000	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		47425	48159	50406	
4312	Highways & Streets		316000	318396	353000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting		12000	12690	13000	
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		19525	43572	26575	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		64545	60111	66975	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		14000	14419	14000	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		13200	14515	20600	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		7000	8946	11500	
4550-4559	Library		30000	30000	30000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		3000	2913	3000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		1200	1200	1200	
4619	Other Conservation		8 000	8 000	10 000	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		15000	0	15000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund*		94000	94000	99000	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds*					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			1376670	1317679	1540013	

* Use special warrant article section on next page.

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		2000	9634	5000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		10000	8978	8000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		26000	18167	18000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250000	274934	260000
3230	Building Permits		1000	575	500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3000	2400	2400
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		17000	17248	17000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		77000	77761	77000
3353	Highway Block Grant		77761	77761	80357
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		3	3	3
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		100000	64260	60000
3409	State Grants				39000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				65000
3502	Interest on Investments		10000	13775	10000
3503-3509	Other				

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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		49885	41885	24900
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		71000	81739	65000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				10000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")			150000	150000
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			55000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS				689449	892160

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1376670	1540013
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	412570	457992
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)		
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1789240	1998005
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	689449	892160
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1094491	1105845

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire, in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said Alstead on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 2008 next at 7:00 PM for public hearing on the proposed operating budget and the Town Meeting warrant.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall for final explanation, discussion, or amendment, if necessary, of the articles on the warrant.

The final session of the annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2008 for the election of town officers and for voting by ballot on all warrant articles. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 11th, from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,431,013? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,274,670, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

a. Executive	\$ 62,760
b. Election, Registration & Vitals	32,537
c. Financial Administration	44,799
d. Revaluation of Property	24,000
e. Legal Expense	15,000
f. Personnel Administration	157,218
g. Planning & Zoning	8,550
h. General Government Buildings	167,000
i. Cemeteries	3,500
j. Insurance	17,000
k. Advertising & Regional Assn.	4,000
l. Police	174,643
m. Ambulance	36,050
n. Fire & Forest Fire	56,200
o. Emergency Management	18,500
p. Communications	4,000
q. Street Lighting	13,000
r. Highways & Streets	403,406
s. Sanitation/Solid Waste	93,550
t. Health Agencies	14,000
u. Welfare/Direct Assistance	20,600
v. Parks & Recreation	11,500
w. Library	30,000
x. Patriotic Purposes	3,000
y. Conservation Commission	1,200
z. Interest on T.A.N.'s	15,000

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Majority vote required.

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Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Article 2, the operating budget.

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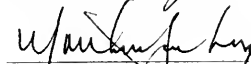
Article 12: Resolved : We the citizens of Alstead, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

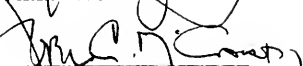
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Majority vote required.


Given under our hands and seals this 28th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eight.

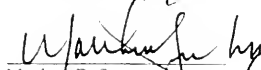

William H. Moran, Chairman


Matthew D. Saxton


Joel C. McCarty

A true copy of Warrant - Attest


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INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUES

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Land	\$60,962,510	\$61,003,007
Buildings	\$110,098,400	\$113,074,300
Public Utilities		
Less Elderly &		
Blind Exemptions	\$315,000	605,000
Net Assessed Valuation	\$164,856,510	\$166,340,507
Taxes Committed to Tax Collector		
Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$3,405,676	\$3,626,577
Less War Service Credit	8,500	8,500
Net Property Tax Commitment	3,377,176	3,618,027
Tax Rate	\$20.68	\$21.83
Net School Apportionment	\$ 1,762,097	1,909,285
County Tax Assessment	322,932	373,876

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall/Offices Furniture & Equipment	\$ 37,000
Library Furniture & Equipment	30,000
Police Dept. Furniture & Equipment	45,000
Fire Department Equipment	432,050
Park Equipment	8,000
Cemetery Equipment	7,000
Highway Department Equipment	368,000

TOWN OF ALSTEAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Paving Capital Reserve \$150,000	Paving Capital Reserve \$150,000	Paving Capital Reserve \$180,000	Paving Capital Reserve \$180,000	Paving Capital Reserve \$180,000
Highway Capital Reserve \$40,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$45,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000 Purchase \$50 for \$65,000 (take all from Capital Reserve)	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000 Purchase \$50 for \$65,000 (take all from Capital Reserve)	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000 Purchase 10-wheeler for \$200,000 (take \$100,000 from CR)
Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$40,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$45,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000 Rescue Truck purchase For \$200,000 (take \$50,000 from CR)	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000 Fire Pumper purchase for \$400,000 (take \$200,000 from CR)	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000 Fire Pumper purchase for \$400,000 (take \$200,000 from CR)	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000
Ambulance Capital Reserve \$14,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$0 Purchase Ambulance For \$135,000 (take \$100,000 from CR)	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$20,000
Cemetery Capital Reserve \$5,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$8,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000
Land Conservation \$10,000	Land Conservation \$12,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000	Land Conservation \$14,000
Paint Historical Building \$18,500	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000	Town Hall Capital Reserve \$30,000
Purchase 22 High Street/Bragg Lane for \$245,000 Take \$150,000 from Surplus; Take \$10,000 from Land Conservation CR; \$20,000 from Parks&Conservation					
Thayer Brook Road Reconstruction \$104,000					

2007 Annual Report Alstead Board of Selectmen

2007 was a year of heavy equipment, hard work, and some important achievements.

The winter had many professional people and civil engineers hunched over their drafting tables in offices near and far, working on plans to continue the rebuilding of the Town's infrastructure and water courses. And people in Town were busy planning action for the good weather.

Joel McCarty was re-elected to the Board, and Bill Moran, in the third year of his term, was elected Chairman. The Town voted to pass every article on the Town Warrant.

Many of you know that the Selectmen put together the Warrant in a long process that begins in earnest each December. We consult with the department heads, and anyone else in Town who is interested enough in the process to attend the meetings. We all examine and talk about the various aspects of the Town, its infrastructure, equipment, departments, and staff. We do this to hear all sides, in an effort to find the most balanced approach to the Town's needs keeping clearly in mind the fact that most everything gets paid for by our property taxes. We Selectmen do our best to present to the voters a warrant that can be supported by a majority. There is nothing served if we shoot for the moon and have warrant articles voted down.

The last two year's Town reports did not include the Financial Statements prepared by the auditors, which we received late, due to the increased complexity of the Town's paperwork caused by the great rush of \$\$\$\$ that came with flood relief. FEMA's paperwork is a nightmare--- thank goodness we had an advocate at FEMA who helped keep it all straight. But it took the auditors more time to look it all over. We offered a copy of the financial statements, when they came, to everyone who asked for one. No one asked for one all year at the Municipal Office.

This Town Report does not include the Financial Statements either, again because the auditors haven't finished their work in time for the

deadline for the Town Report to be sent to the printer. This time the extra work involves a new accounting standard which requires that the auditor prepare additional summaries. Accordingly, since no one asked for a copy of the auditor's report last year, and because the auditor's report, when printed, almost doubles the number of pages (and the cost of printing) of a Town Report, we have decided to send a general postcard to residents when the auditor's report becomes available, inviting any resident who wishes to pick one up at the Town Offices. The auditor's report will not be printed in Town Reports going forward.

We had over Six Million Dollars of Federal \$\$ funneled through the Town account in 2007 which paid for the many stream bank stabilization projects. Paperwork! Paperwork! Paperwork! Linda Christie, our Administrative Assistant, was swamped, but managed it all beautifully. We thank Linda for her admirable dedication to our office, and the Town!

When the good weather arrived in the spring, it took a little while for the balls to get rolling, but once some confusion was beaten out of the system, things went well. It turns out that having the Governor's cell phone number in your pocket is a good thing, when there comes a time. We are hugely appreciative of the work and the patience displayed by all the players in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES).

Millot Green was supported by a dedicated group who were determined to have the Green back in service for all that wants to go on there, which is a lot. Randy Gendron, his brother Gary, and Rob Vogell were the ones we saw in the Selectmen's Office, but we know there were many others----and an enormous effort was made, and the Green was in full service by the middle of the summer! A great Thank You to you!

Clarence Meyer has our thanks for shepherding the idea of the gazebo for Millot Green in Benson Woodworking's general direction. Special and enthusiastic thanks are sent to Tedd Benson and The Gazebo Volunteers who built the gift of a beautiful and useful ornament on the Green which will be enjoyed by generations!

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (hereafter DOT),

as of the end of 2007, is not yet even half way through the enormous project of rebuilding Route 123. DOT's Bob Landry and his pleasant and able crew have broken the project into smaller pieces which enables the light at the end of the tunnel to shine through. The traffic lights were removed, and two-way traffic was re-established by the first week of November, 25 months after the Flood. And we are all glad of that! The temporary loop detour at Cobb Hill Road was replaced by the permanent roadway smack through the farmhouse apartment building which was bought by DOT and removed. The road surface is about level with the farmhouse cellar floor. We learned that the village bridge is going to be replaced; first by a temporary bridge on the upstream side of the existing bridge. The old Town offices building will be torn down, after discussions aimed at saving part of the building, (which was originally part of the Lufkin Plow foundry), concluded that the building had been remodeled many times and lacked sufficient structural integrity to make preservation efforts worthwhile. We will be using the temporary bridge for a year or so, while the new, slightly longer and wider bridge is built where the damaged one is now. The new bridge will be in service in 2009.

The Selectmen are pleased to have enormous cooperation from DOT, especially Bob Landry, Chip Johnson, Craig Forrest, and Mark Moran. Working together, we have been able to build into the bridge design a conduit that will someday enable feeding the water from the well which served Fred and Barney's Store and the Post Office (how many of you have Alstead memories that go back that far?) to the Library across the road. Also, accommodations are under consideration to build (later, and not at DOT expense) a covered footbridge on the upstream side of the new bridge, recalling that unique feature of the Village Bridge of 100 years ago.

Thanks go also to Verizon, for the cooperation which will allow the moving of a tangle of utility wires from the front-on view of the Historical Society's steeple and Town clock.

The Town Department of Public Works (DPW) completed about half of the Thayer Brook Road project which was approved as a 2007 warrant article. The road is better already! The second half of the project is offered as a warrant article this year.

The puddle is gone in front of the Library! This is thanks to the successful Town warrant article to rebuild the sidewalk and reset the

granite curbing, allowing us to open up the road a bit to get at the storm drain that hasn't functioned properly in living memory. We thank Jeff Marsden and Bazin Bros. for rushing to complete the paving work there in rotten weather, with minimal disruption to Library or flower shop operations.

The third time is the charm, apparently, and the Historical Society's steeple finally got painted! We thank the voters for being patient, and for voting for this project enough times so it could actually happen. Painters who are willing to hang from a rope in a boson's chair are not easy to find, but we finally managed. The weathervane has been restored and reinstalled, and looks terrific! The vane looks bigger when it's on the ground----- the thing is seven feet long! (That's how it seats so many pigeons!)

Alstead is making considerable progress with the Emergency Management Planning Program which is being fostered and encouraged by the State. Our thanks go out to Jack Michnovetz, who has accepted the responsibility for this work. Jack and Joel McCarty are Co-Directors of Emergency Management for Alstead, and between the two of them have attended many meetings (some far-flung) and learned much that might benefit the rest of us some day, God forbid. Thanks to Joel, too.

Back in December of 2006, we learned that Alstead was about to be hit by a big increase in our payment to the school district. We looked at our situation to see what might be done, and the issue of Alstead resident students going to school in Walpole came up. We had some initial meetings for the purpose of gathering information, and eventually found that there was room in Alstead schools to have all Alstead resident students grades K-8 attend school in the Alstead Attendance Area. We saw an opportunity to save hundreds of thousands of dollars per year by having those students now being tuitioned into Walpole go to school in Alstead. Then it got complicated. There were meetings, discussions, a mailed survey, e-mails, a Study Committee during the summer, and enough angst on all sides to inspire considerable upset. It was, though, a worthwhile public discussion. The School Board resolved on by majority vote effective September 24, 2007 that all Alstead resident students now enrolled in Walpole will stay in Walpole until they enter the High School, and all other Alstead resident students will go to school in the Alstead Attendance Area. The Fall Mountain Regional School District

Superintendent, Debra Livingston, has assured us, and the public, that the decision will have a hard edge. So, all Alstead resident students will be going to school in Alstead Area schools by 2015 or so. Tuition payments from Alstead to Walpole will decline significantly each year as this solution plays out, as students graduate to the high school. If the success of a compromise can be measured by arguably similar dissatisfaction on all sides of the question, then this must be the right result.

The property at 22 High Street (the Bragg property, across the river from Millot Green, and going all the way upriver to Vilas Pool) was placed back on the market in 2007. You will remember that this property was proposed to be developed with a Community Development Block Grant from the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to be a place for the several homes that were being donated to families who lost a home in the flood. You will remember also that the plan was not completed. This was mostly because the Buy-out Bill was successful, and families who accepted donated homes were in a position to buy other land of their choice.

The Selectmen have known for several years that the acquisition of that property across the river from Millot Green (which measures 16 acres) is enormously important to the future of Alstead and its need for public property. A short list of the needs includes: a permanent site for a dining hall for the Friendly Meals, more playing fields, a site for a future Town Hall, a site for a public Safety Services building, a site for additional Elderly Housing, and other needs we haven't thought of. Please understand that the Selectmen are taking a VERY long view here----- 50 years and beyond. It may be that a few of the needs just listed may not be met yet in 50 years. It will depend entirely on what funding is available. Funding might be Federal dollars, State dollars, grant dollars, donations and/or bequest dollars, or dollars from general taxation. Tax-payer funding is, and will always be, in the complete control of Alstead's voters. The Selectmen are not in any way able to spend Town funds on things that the Alstead voters have not approved, and therefore must wait for Town Meeting to get the authorization to do anything that is significant.

A group of ten local people has formed a limited liability corporation for the purpose of buying, and holding the Bragg property until Town Meeting, which is the only time such an expenditure can be approved.

An article is on this year's warrant to purchase the property from the LLC. The LLC is offering to sell the 22 High Street/11 Bragg Lane property to the Town for an amount equal to the price it paid plus the expenses since---no one in the LLC will make any profit whatsoever in this proposed sale to the Town. Further, the Town has accepted NO OBLIGATION to buy 22 High Street/11 Bragg Lane. Only a majority vote of the Town could do that. The LLC has every right to sell the property to anyone who is willing to pay for it. But the LLC is waiting, and holding the property so that the Town will have the opportunity to buy this parcel, which, we believe, is so important for Alstead's municipal and community future.

There is every willingness on the part of the Selectmen to discuss this idea further. Call us!

Bill---- 835-6039

Matt---835-6998

Joel---835-2077

The Friendly Meals Program has at last found a permanent home for the kitchen which prepares more than 20,000 meals each year for a grateful public. The former garage at 22 High Street (the former Bragg property) has been converted to a clean modern, and comfortable workspace. Bill Moran and Alan Johnson have the Board's thanks for organizing this project and its many generous and dedicated volunteers. The new space gave the program the ability to accept a grant which paid for the new kitchen equipment.

We want to state again how proud we Selectmen are to have the privilege to work with such a great team of employees and volunteers. Our town is functioning energetically and smoothly, with valuable stability. We are enormously pleased to be part of it, and to feel supported. Thank you!

Alstead Board of Selectmen
William H. Moran, Chairman
Matthew D. Saxton
Joel C. McCarty

ALSTEAD ROADS

63.25 miles of maintained roads
14.9 miles are State maintained, all paved.
(Routes 12A, 123, and 123A)
48.35 miles are Town maintained.
31.15 dirt
17.20 paved

Starting in 1996 David Crosby, Road Public Works Director, developed a Ten-Year Paving Plan. He divided the Town's paved roads into 10 segments and planned to do one segment of paving each year in a recurring cycle. This process of regular paving represented the most cost effective method of maintaining these roads. Each segment could be competitively bid in advance, coordinated with adjoining Towns where appropriate for further economies, and maintained with a simple top coating (avoiding the need for expensive rebuilding projects).

Unfortunately, this plan has not been consistently implemented, and now two of the segments will require a full, and much more expensive, rebuilding effort. It is hoped that the Revised Ten-Year Paving Plan outlined below will be approved, followed as outlined, and kept on schedule. As a point of comparison, the State-maintained paved roads in Alstead have been resurfaced on average every seven years.

REVISED TEN-YEAR PAVING PLAN

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SEGMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
2008		Rebuild and gravel second ½ of Thayer Brook Road	
2009	1	Thayer Brook Road	1.9 miles
2010	2	North Road and Gilsum Mine Road to Pine Cliff Road	2.1 miles
2011	3	Gilsum Mine Road from Pine Cliff Road to ledge corner	1.4 miles

2012	4	Gilsum Mine Road from ledge Corner to Gilsum line and Baine Road	1.45
miles			
2013	5	Walpole Valley Road and March Hill Road	2.6 miles
2014	6	Alstead Village & Parking Lots, Fire Station/Town Hall, Library Avenue, Summer Street, Prospect Street, Pleasant Street and Vilas Road	1.65
miles			
2015	7	Drewsville Road, Homestead Road	1.3 miles
2016	8	Hill Road (from Village to Cook Hill)	1.7 miles
2017	9	Hill Road (from Cook Hill to 12A)	1.7 miles
2018	10	Pine Cliff Road	1.4 miles

Beginning in 2009, each of the ten paved segments would be resurfaced in the order listed above, one segment in succession each year with a simple top coating until completed in 2018. This cycle would be repeated and continued for the future, thus fulfilling a true **TEN-YEAR PAVING PLAN**.

2007 Annual Report
Highway Department Division
Public Works Department

I would like to thank everyone for the purchase of the new ten wheeler dump truck. It works very well for plowing and hauling materials.

The first mile of the "Thayer Brook Road Project" was done this past year. The upper mile was excavated and seeded, ready for culverts and underdrain this year, as well as fabric and gravel. The project came in \$32,000 under budget. Help from Acworth, Marlow, and Walpole Town Trucks, as well as our own trucks resulted in this savings.

There is a 2008 warrant article this year to finish graveling and replacing culverts from the Rhoades Road to the Marlow line which includes the fabric and culverts purchased last year.

Brush and road side mowing was done this year with the Town owned tractor and mower. The job was done by Alan Dustin. Thanks, Alan – Good Job!

Grading was done by Ernie Perry who now works full time for the Department of Public Works. We were also able to do some grader ditching as time would allow.

This winter so far has been very busy with snow and freezing rain storms. We have managed to use more sand and salt this season during the month of December than we did the entire winter season last year.

I would also like to thank all the Department of Public Works full-time and part-time employees for a job well done!

Respectfully submitted,
David Crosby
Public Works Superintendent

2007 Annual Report Transfer Station

The Transfer Station saw important improvement this year. A new attendant's building topped the list. Large, attractive instructional signs also helped with organization and flow.

Recycling is the cornerstone of operations at the Transfer Station. The new signage is intended to help residents, in complying with the Town's mandatory recycling policy which is both environmentally beneficial and financially significant.

This past year, to reduce costs the Town turned the "84" Fire Truck into a Transfer Station haul truck and started trucking the Compactor, Steel, and C&D containers. The compactor and steel go to Claremont, while the C&D goes to Keene. This initiative is working out very well for the Town, saving money on trucking and tipping fees.

The plastic and cardboard are still being hauled by Empire Trucking to Bellrica, Massachusetts through Northeast Resource Recovery Association. The E-Waste is removed by East Coast Electronic Recycling, Inc. The glass stays in town to be used as road base on future road projects.

This year the Town shipped:

Compactor	499.16 tons
C&D	116.69 tons
Scrap Steel	75.35 tons
Mixed Paper	103.0 tons
Tires	5.69 tons
Co-mingle	37.69 tons
E-Waste	2,291 lbs

In August 2007 the Alstead Selectmen and Langdon Selectmen agreed on an eight month trial plan with a monthly fee for Langdon residents to use Alstead's Transfer Station. This inter-town collaborative effort seems to have worked well for all concerned. In April the Alstead and Langdon Selectmen will decide on the renewal of this plan for nine months.

I would like to thank Bobbie Wilson, along with all the many others, who helped to keep the Transfer Station running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
David Crosby
Superintendent DPW

2007 Annual Report Alstead Fire Department

Calls jumped almost 20% over last year making for a busy year for the Fire Department. Structure fires were up dramatically from the year before, and, unfortunately, during the course of the year we had two fatalities as a result of burns suffered. Mutual aid calls were also up for the year.

This past year we also sent crews to a 27 acre brush fire in Chesterfield and 2 brush fires in Marlow. Three members attended statewide weekend Forest Fire Training in Stark. Also several members attended district training in the spring.

The new tanker has been used at several fires and has proven to be a vast improvement over the old tanker. Again, I thank the townspeople for their support of this truck.

The dry hydrant has been replaced on Millot Green. This will improve our ability to draft water in the village again. Plans in the future are to place an additional dry hydrant at Vilas Pool and March Hill Road.

In 2008 we will begin the process of plans and specifications for a new Rescue truck to replace the current 1984 unit.

I would like to thank the members of the department and the community for their support and assistance over the last year. Also, we are always looking to enlarge our roster. Anyone wishing to join the department may

contact a member of the department or the Municipal Offices for information.

Activity Report 2007

Meetings	11
Drills	11
Trainings	6
Structure Fires	8
Mutual Aid	14
Motor Vehicle Accidents	11
Chimney Fires	2
Vehicle Fires	1
Alarms Sounding	7
CO Alarms	3
Smoke Investigations	5
Odor Investigations	2
Trees/Wires Down	8
Illegal Burns	2
Brush Fires	4
Rekindles	1
Lawn Mower Fire	1
Assist Ambulance	1
Public Assists	2
Search	1

Respectfully submitted,
Kim J. Kercewich
Chief, Alstead Fire Department

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdtl.org.

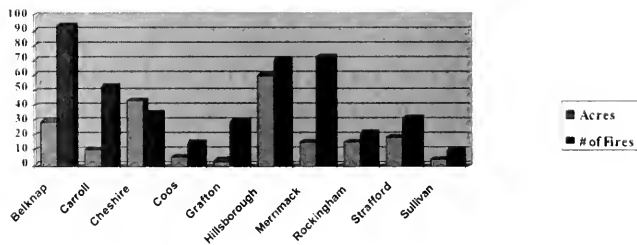
Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Cook	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Stratford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	5	2007 437	212
Debris	197	2006 500	473
Campfire	38	2005 546	174
Children	22	2004 482	147
Smoking	41	2003 374	100
Railroad	5		
Equipment	3		
Lightning	7		
Misc.*	119	(*Misc - power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)	

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2007 Annual Report Alstead Ambulance

Alstead Ambulance members logged a total of 148 calls in the past year.

There were 108 medical, 19 patient assists, 12 motor vehicle accidents and 9 fire standbys.

The squad currently has 17 members: 3 are EMT- I; 11 are EMT- B's; and 3 are First Responders.

Over the last year we used a three month rotating schedule moving the ambulance between the Village Station and the East Station. At the end of the year a decision was made to house the Ambulance in the East station for the time being until there are more active members in the village district.

Both of our town's police officers are licensed EMT-B's and are responding to calls when they are on duty. They are often on scene first and carry both Oxygen and AED's in their cruisers. We are also fortunate to have several members of the town road crew who are licensed and respond to ambulance calls when they are needed and able to do so.

We are always open to new members who are interested in serving their community.

The Alstead and Walpole departments will be jointly sponsoring an EMT- Basic class starting in April. You can contact me at 835-6115 or call the Municipal Offices for more information.

Respectfully submitted
Anton Elbers
Captain, Alstead Ambulance

2007 Annual Report Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Please note that 1994 model cars and newer require a title to be registered. If you purchase vehicles in this age bracket from an individual, make sure they have the title.

For older vehicles (pre-1994 models) - in addition to the bill of sale you need one of the following documents:

- a. Previously issued N.H. Registration.
- b. Valid Out of State Title.
- c. Verification of VIN (Form 19A).

If you have any question regarding a new registration, you may call the office. It is important to have the proper paperwork. I can process renewal registrations by mail if necessary. Please call for the amounts due. No signature is required.

The above information is very important; therefore, I have it in my report every year.

I am pleased to have Pam Allen working in the office. She is the new deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector and is a welcome addition to the office.

Reminder! Dog licenses must be renewed by April 30. For a new registration, please bring rabies verification with you. Also if the dog has had an update of rabies vaccination since the last registration, please bring a copy with you.

I know that for some this is a difficult time for paying taxes. Any payment, even if not the full amount due, will reduce the interest to be paid.

I thank you for your support this year.
Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Seddon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2007 Annual Report Alstead Police Department

Enhanced community involvement was the key focus of the Alstead Police Department for the year 2007. Our Explorer Post 1009 rapidly got up to speed with a number of activities and accomplishments. All members received training in First Aid and CPR as well as specific training on how to maintain scene safety at traffic accidents and medical calls. Two of our Explorers attended a week-end long law enforcement/fire services training event at the NH Fire Academy in Concord. On a lighter note, the Explorers provided parking assistance during town parades and events, held a chicken barbecue fundraiser at the Alstead Festival, and competed against the Newport Police Explorers in a Laser Tag Challenge. Currently they have been working with the Sunapee Police Chief on an underage drinking informational video. Periodically during the year we held an Open House for the post as we are continually looking to recruit new Members.

During 2007, the Alstead Police Department also launched Project CAB (Citizen Awareness Bulletin). Through open discussion and printed bulletins, Project CAB alerts our senior citizens of potential scams and deceptions that are targeting our older generation. Recent topics have included lottery fraud, telemarketing scams, and fraudulent check scams. Discussions are scheduled monthly during Friendly Meals at the Village Fire Station. Printed bulletins are also available for pickup at the Police Department.

Both of the Town's officers are certified EMT's and have assisted the Alstead Ambulance on 43 calls. On several occasions we provided patient care all the way to the hospital. This community service has been an interesting addition to our daily responsibilities.

The Police Department had a relatively busy year. We handled a total of 440 incidents. The State Police covered

and responded to 74 calls. Some of our statistics are: 14 arrests, 19 accidents, 30 traffic tickets, 134 traffic warnings, 45 suspicious activities. Additional services we provided were: verification of VIN's – "vehicle identification numbers" (28), fingerprinting (17), pistol permits (36), and vacant house check requests (24). We encourage citizens to stop in and fill out a vacant house check form before they leave town, so that in the event of an incident such as fire or burglary, we would know whom to notify.

We requested and received a grant from the NH Highway Safety Department for dedicated radar patrols this past year. The town was reimbursed 100% for those costs. Through the endeavors of the department, the Explorer Post was awarded grants from both Wal-Mart and Cheshire County. The NH Police Standards & Training Council approved a Specialized Training Grant to send Sgt. D'Alessandro to the First Line Supervision course in Rhode Island. Prior to attending this course, Officer D'Alessandro was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

We are now looking ahead to 2008. Road reconstruction in the vicinity of the Intersection of Rte. 123/12A as well as the replacement of the bridge in the center of town will cause some additional inconvenience to traffic this year. With the downturn in the economy, we are alert to possible increases in cases of burglaries or theft, as well as those involving bad checks. Please stay vigilant, and call when you observe something suspicious.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Bromley
Chief of Police

2007 Annual Report Shedd Porter Memorial Library

It is a great pleasure to write my first annual report, even if I have only been at the library for half a year. I have felt very welcomed to the library by all the patrons and feel honored to be included on the list of distinguished librarians such as Doris Dustin and Julia Cuniff. The building is a jewel, and everyone who steps through its door can feel what a special place it is.

There have been a number of programs at the library since I began working in July of last year. The summer reading program was exciting with 18 young readers enjoying the weekly programs. We had a great concert by musician Tom Weldon to celebrate our reading trip around the U.S. On International Day of Peace (Sept. 21), a film was shown on a borrowed computer.* In October, Bess Klassen-Landis gave a powerful concert to a very appreciative audience, and in December Yumiko Ito gave a wonderful origami box-making workshop. Also in December, we ended the year with the Holiday Read. The Holiday program was so successful that plans are already underway for the December 2008 program.

15 young writers and illustrators have already gathered in January for the first two bookmaking workshops. The illustrating workshop given by Beth Tilton took place on January 26, and the writing workshop will be in February given by author Alice Fogel. The books produced in these workshops will be entered into the 14th annual writers and illustrators contest sponsored by NH Public TV and The Reading Rainbow. We would love the winner to be from Alstead, however, just seeing the library filled with all these young artists was enough for me!

The library has received a grant from the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment and will put the funds to use by offering an 8 week program to middle school students. The program will be called “Our Town Alstead”, and the participants will produce a brochure complete with photographs of key places and people who keep Alstead running smoothly.

There will be programs every month, and they are as follows: March 8th a coffee house (local musicians and yummy treats), April 16th poetry read – to celebrate National Poetry Month, May 3rd Craft and

Garden Show, and then in June the Summer Reading Program begins again. I may have a “one year as Alstead Librarian” celebration, but I haven’t decided yet. Keep your eyes out for any signs of a party near the library.

Speaking of signs, hopefully we will have a new one in front of the library this year thanks to the generosity of the great-grandson of Mr. John G. Shedd. Speaking also of generosity, there are many people who have given cash donations to the library, and these are always appreciated. This building takes a lot to keep its doors open, so don’t be shy near our “donations” box on the counter.

I also feel very, very fortunate to have some great volunteers at the library. I would like to thank the Bittenbender family, the Ryan family, Cheryl Woods, Geraldine Vachss, and Joanne Stevens. I appreciate the lifting, sorting, stamping, filing, taping, and all the other tasks they do. If you are not currently volunteering and would like to – just let me know.

We have books, music, movies, audio tapes/cd’s and hopefully (*) a computer system – sometime soon. If you belong to a group that needs a place to meet or just want to come and enjoy the atmosphere of a grand building, then the Shedd Porter Memorial Library is the place for you.

Enthusiastically submitted,
Barbara Davis
Librarian

2007 Annual Report

Shedd Porter Memorial Library Trustees

The year 2007 saw a changing of the guard at the library. After eighteen years, Librarian Julia Cunniff retired, as did Assistant Peggy Fullam, who worked Wednesday evening's cataloging books for the past twenty-six years. After a broad search and a thorough interview process, Barb Davis of Acworth was selected as the new Librarian, and Jessie Casella of Bellows Falls was hired as the new Assistant Librarian. The Trustees were very pleased with the number of highly qualified applicants who applied and are confident that our selections will enable the library to continue moving forward with the ever-changing needs of our community.

More pointing and sealing work was done on the building over the summer. This work is an ongoing process to maintain the stonework on our ninety-plus-year-old building. The approach seems to be working as the building has stayed dry since the flood. In the not-too-distant future, we are hoping to come up with the funds to restore the painting detail and wall damage that occurred from past leaks.

Plans to add more bookcases to the library are moving along well. Thanks to the Sidore Grant and donations acquired from our survey last year, the first phase of bookshelf construction is underway. We hope to have these new shelves in place later this year. Our tapestry afghan fundraiser is also starting to bring in funds. We have sold thirty tapestries to date at \$40 apiece. The tapestries depict several town landmarks and will be on sale at the library until they sell out.

Discussions over the year have led the Trustees to research having a sign made for the front lawn of the

library. Currently the building has no significant marker stating its purpose. An events board was also discussed to keep the community informed of all of the events and programs that take place at the library. Mr. David Porter Schwepps, great-grandson to the Shedd family, recently made a \$3,000 donation toward having a sign made for the library. These funds should be available in May, and we will continue researching design options until then.

In a continuing effort to satisfy library patrons, Thursday hours are now 10am to 4pm (instead of 12pm to 6pm). Other hours remain the same: Wednesday from 12pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm; Friday from 12pm to 6pm; and Saturday from 9am to 12pm.

Many thanks to our past library staff for all of your hard work and dedication to the library. And many thanks to the new library staff for making the transition to your new positions such an easy one. Also, Sam Kong's work in keeping the library so spotless and the gardens so beautiful is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Erin Heidorn, Chair
Mary Lou Huffling, Treasurer
Carol Renzelman, Corresponding Secretary
Jeanne Moody, Recording Secretary
Almut Yakovleff

**2007 Annual Report
Trustees of Trust Funds**

New Cemetery Funds established during 2007:

Mark & Lorraine Merrow	\$400.00
Joseph & Gladys Nichols	\$300.00
Joseph & Anne Cartwright	\$800.00
Neil R. Swift	\$300.00
Malcolm & Joan Rice	\$400.00

Cemetery Lots are available and may be acquired by contacting Reginald Clark, Cemetery Commissioner at 835-6007.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Trust Funds

Roberta Young
Bruce Bellows
Reginald Clark

2007 Annual Report Alstead Conservation Commission

In March, the Town passed the warrant article sponsored by the Conservation Commission to place money into the Conservation Fund. These funds are used to help conserve open space in Alstead. We would be pleased to provide information and guidance to residents considering placing a conservation easement on all or parts of their land.

The National Arbor Day Foundation awarded the town of Alstead "Tree City" status for the fifth consecutive year. During the Arbor Day celebration on April 27 at the Vilas Middle School, the Conservation Commission received a new Tree City flag and a sticker for the sign on behalf of the town. A Blue Spruce, donated by National Grid, was planted on Millot Green in honor of Ben Allison's many years of conservation work for the Town and the State of NH. Students read essays about trees and the Middle School chorus sang Trees Across America. Shrub seedlings were given to students (K-8) to take home and plant, after signing a pledge to care for them. Thoreau Blanchard, local National Arbor Day poster winner, was also chosen as the State of NH winner and his poster was submitted at the National level. A re-certification application for Tree City status in 2007 has been submitted to the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Approximately 90 people participated in the Earth Day Cleanup on May 5. Over 40 people attended a community breakfast at the fire station and then joined work crews to pick up trash along 55 miles of road. In return for our efforts, "Litter Free New Hampshire" donated 800 daffodil bulbs to Alstead. These were distributed to each of the Alstead Churches, the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library, the Alstead Historical Building. Some were given to residents whose gardens were destroyed by the 2005 flood.

At the Town Festival in July, the Commission provided information on conserving energy in the home, conservation easements, and the importance of preserving open space in the community. We also sold energy efficient light bulbs and gave out tire pressure gauges to those who participated in an energy quiz game. Scott Gendron donated the gauges.

In September we sponsored a walk and talk in the Town Forest at Newell Pond. Peter Rhoades and Cheshire County Forester, Steve Roberge, explained best management practices to benefit wildlife habitat and a healthy forest environment.

In September and early October, conservation commissioners monitored conservation easements held by the town by walking the properties and filing the reports to the Society of the Protection of NH Forests and the NH Office of State Planning.

Commissioners also attended the annual meeting of NH Association of Conservation Commissioners in early November and participated in workshops on the preservation of open space and wildlife habitat management.

During the year, Commissioners responded to many questions from residents about permitting regulations, wetlands, conservation easements, and environmental concerns. We reviewed the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans for each of the reaches involved with the streambank stabilization effort and wrote letters of support that were submitted along with the permit applications to the NH Department of Environmental Services. If you have questions about work or construction on your property that need wetland permits, or have questions about how to conserve your land for future generations through conservation easements, please contact us.

Cultural/Recreational Resource Maps of Alstead are still available for sale at the Town offices and the library for \$2 each. The Conservation Commission meets at the Town office at 5 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. We are pleased that we now have 7 Conservation Commissioners. We currently are seeking candidates for 2 alternate positions on the Board. Our meetings are open to the public and we welcome interested residents.

Respectfully submitted,

The Alstead Conservation Commission: Marilou Blaine, John Flanagan, Dan Hall, Cindy Hendrick, David Moody, Sarah Webb, and Joy Nalevanko,
Chair

The Alstead Conservation Commission aims to work in partnership with the community to assess and conserve natural resources by providing education and encouraging outdoor recreation, wise land use, and best land management practices.

2007 Annual Report
The Cold River Local Advisory Committee
Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizen representatives appointed by select boards from Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole. These representatives volunteer their time to help municipal boards and residents manage the natural, cultural, scenic and scientific resources of the Cold River watershed. The LAC also reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and evaluates water-related issues of local or statewide significance.

CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2007:

1. Municipal Conservation, Planning & Health Assistance

- ✱ Assisted town residents/boards with the resolution of potential water quality degradation and drinking water protection issues.
- ✱ Reviewed and commented on the water resource aspects of the draft Alstead Master Plan update.
- ✱ Continued work on a voluntary watershed management plan to assist towns in managing their water resources.
- ✱ Reviewed and commented on numerous stream bank stabilization and road/bridge projects resulting from the Flood of October 2005.
- ✱ Supported state and federal efforts to fund local stream restoration projects to complement/enhance the stabilization work.

2. Workshops, Events & Education

- ✱ Began updating the LAC web site.
- ✱ Participated in the 2007 NH Watershed Conference and Alstead Festival, including a sampling equipment demonstration.
- ✱ Co-sponsored the Alstead Flood Symposium in October at the request of the Alstead Conservation Commission.
- ✱ Published a brief public summary of the 2006 water sampling results.

3. Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring

- ✱ Completed the fifth year of our sampling program, including three "routine" and three additional water quality and stream level monitoring events on the Cold River and its tributaries.

- ✳ Analyzed over 80 water samples in the field for pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, turbidity and temperature.
- ✳ Solicited and received DES funding for additional bacteria, nutrient and metal analyses conducted at the state laboratory.
- ✳ Measured late summer flow rates on the Cold River and Warren Brook.
- ✳ Advocated for the replacement of the abandoned flow gauging station at Drewsville Gorge.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation on any of our projects. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, 7- 9PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. To be on our email notices for workshops or water quality monitoring events, please call any LAC member.

Respectfully submitted

Acworth: Deborah Hinman (Chair)

Alstead: Mike Heidorn (Water Quality Monitoring), Carol Drummond, and Sam Sutcliffe (Treasurer)

Langdon: Jennifer Polcari (Vice Chair) and Cathy MacDonald

Lempster: Susan Lichty

Walpole: Charles Montgomery (scribe), Austin Hunter

2007 Annual Report Alstead Planning Board

The Alstead Planning Board had another busy year with twenty-one meetings, many of which included work sessions with Southwest Region Planning Commission to finish the work on the Basic Studies section of the Master Plan and the Land Use Maps. Work began in early February on the Comprehensive Section of the Master Plan update, and was completed in the late Fall. This Master Plan update was a huge undertaking, and is now complete. The Planning Board would like to thank all persons who participated and worked toward this effort over the past few years.

Throughout the year, Planning Board took continued notes on areas of the Subdivision Regulations that are in need of being updated, and as time allows, plans to begin that process in 2008. The Planning Board also did a lot of work on the Capital Reserve Plan with different Department Heads and the Select Board, and plans to continue that work in early 2008.

The Alstead Planning Board received and approved three minor subdivisions applications, conducted two Site Plan Reviews, and one Public Meeting for a regular check-in on a gravel pit. There were a number of preconceptual consultations throughout the year, regarding both the before-mentioned Applications, as well as many other potential applications.

The regular meeting of the Alstead Planning Board is held on the second Monday of each month at the Alstead Municipal Offices at 7:00PM. Work sessions are scheduled, as needed, on the fourth Monday of the month. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

The Board would like to thank David “Boo” Collins for his past participation and contributions to the Planning Board. It would also like to welcome Joyce Curll to the Board. The Board has openings for Alternate Members. If interested, please contact any Member of the Planning Board, or Members of the Select Board, for more information. We would welcome your participation and input!

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden/Administrative Assistant

Peter Rhoades, Chairman

Randy Rhoades

Rich Nalevanko

Joyce Curll

Juliana Stevens-Alternate

Gloria Seddon

David Konesko

Rose Marie Caffrey

Michael Balamuth-Alternate

**2007 Annual Report
Alstead Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had nine meetings this year, and received four Variance requests— three of which were approved. The Board continued its work on updating all of its forms, and finished in early 2007.

There were a few amendment proposals to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, late in the year, that will be discussed early in 2008 during a joint Meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30PM at the Alstead Municipal Offices. The public is always welcome.

The Board would like to thank David "Boo" Collins for all the years of service he gave to the Board, and to welcome Dirk Doughty as a Full-time Member, and Hans Waldmann as the new Alternate Member. The Board is currently looking for additional Alternate Members. Any citizen interested in becoming a Member is encouraged to contact any Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Members of the Select Board, or the Town Clerk. Your participation would be welcomed!

Dennis Molesky, Chairman
Joseph Cartwright, Vice Chairman
Richard Minard, Member
Samuel Sutcliffe, Member
Dirk Doughty, Member
Hans Waldmann, Alternate Member

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden, Administrative Assistant

2007 Annual Report

Alstead's Office Of Emergency Management

Emergency management planning in Alstead has been addressing the town's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and procedures for opening a Point Of Distribution (POD) clinic. POD's will be opened when there is a need to rapidly distribute medications to all of our citizens in the event of a public health emergency. Alstead is represented at monthly regional coordinating committee meetings held at Cheshire Medical Center and at state sponsored training. Alstead and Marlow have formed a planning team and are jointly developing the POD process.

The state is still defining a number of key elements in the POD process. Once these elements are better defined, Alstead's Office of Emergency Management will send out a questionnaire/survey to better understand our needs, resources, and to encourage volunteers. One of the concerns in emergency management planning is that it is probable that our current emergency service personnel could be overwhelmed, and we would need to draw on our citizens for assistance. In order for our citizens to properly integrate with our emergency service personnel a base level amount of training will be required.

Early in 2007 a brochure was sent out addressing preparing for an emergency. An important policy was noted on the cover page: "in the event of a phone/power outage that lasts for more than four hours, the East and Village fire houses will be open to provide emergency needs."

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Michnovez
Alstead Emergency Management

2007 Annual Report

Fall Mountain Emergency Foodshelf

The Fall Mountain Foodshelf had another wonderful year. It felt like a miracle that we were able to meet the need for food for all the families that came to us for help in 2007. Thanks to the Great Provider and the caring people of the Fall Mountain area we did not have to turn anyone away. We are very grateful to all the individuals, families, businesses, churches, towns, and organizations that so generously contributed money and food for the Foodshelf. We are grateful to the Town of Langdon for generously allowing us to use space in the Baker Building, now the Town of Langdon Office Building, in 2007 and in 2008 until we have a permanent home. This location is very convenient and central for the people from all the towns we serve. It is also easy for truck loads of food to be unloaded.

Our Charlestown site is still located behind the Heritage Restaurant. We are very thankful to Albert and Carol St. Pierre for providing this space. It is an accessible and very functional location.

In 2007 we provided food for 4511 families that included 14,203 individuals. We provided them with over 349,650 meals. That is a lot of food. We were unable to purchase as much food from the NH Foodbank as we did other years because their donations from the large food corporations were way down. We had to purchase much of our food locally at supermarkets, discount food stores, etc. Our volunteers spent many, many hours shopping, ordering food, and trucking food to the two sites. The Foodshelf is an all-volunteer organization, and so many people give so much of themselves to help those in need.

The service the Foodshelf has been able to provide over these many, many years is a tribute to the caring and generous spirit that thrives in our communities.

We are once again participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. All monetary donations and each food donation counted as a dollar both qualifying us for a proportional share of the million dollars. We will be very grateful for any donations of money or food given during this time. Thank you all for your love and support throughout the year!!!!

2007 Annual Report

Fall Mountain Friendly Meals

The Fall Mountain Friendly Meals had a great year with some wonderful changes. We were asked by the Mason's to find another place to cook by July 1st. The Mason's had very generously allowed us to use their kitchen for the past almost 18 years. We are very grateful for their kindness those many years. We were able to cook the meals at Vilas School during the months of July and August. We then moved our cooking site to the Second Congregational Church in East Alstead until we had our new kitchen in late fall. We are very thankful to the school and the church for the use of their kitchens so we could continue to serve meals until we had our own kitchen.

We are so blessed. We have the most awesome new kitchen right in the village of Alstead. We store our food at the Baker building in Langdon, cook in our new kitchen, and just have a short distance to transport the cooked food to the Alstead Fire Station.

We are so thankful to all the individuals, businesses, organizations, and churches in the Fall Mountain area that contributed to buy the kitchen equipment and the materials to convert the garage into a beautiful kitchen. We are thankful to the Alstead Selectmen for their support and all the volunteers and businesses that so generously donated their time, material, and skill to make our dream of having our own kitchen come true. It will bless so many people for many years to come.

During 2007 we provided over 27,623 congregate and meals on wheels to our area people. We serve a full-course, home-cooked hot meal every Tuesday and

Thursday at 11:00 o'clock at the Alstead Fire Station. The folks start coming for lunch at 8 o'clock so they can be together, visit, laugh, play cribbage, and enjoy each other's company. Approximately two-thirds of our meals are meals on wheels. People come from all the towns to have lunch together, and our volunteers deliver meals in all the towns. We have an awesome crew of volunteers who faithfully set up for meals, cook, prepare the bags, etc. for the meals on wheels, serve the food, and package all the meals, cleanup, and deliver the meals in all the towns. It is a special experience to be part of this wonderful, caring, and dedicated group of people. I am so thankful to be a part of the Fall Mountain community. There isn't any place in the world I would rather live. The people here are the best. They care so much about the well-being of others and give so much of themselves.

The Fall Mountain Friendly Meals is participating in the Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger. All donations during that time qualify us for a proportional share of the million dollars.

2008 will be another wonderful year at the Friendly Meals.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Huffling

2007 Annual Report Alstead Historical Society

2007 was once again a very active year for our society. We received the second printing of the flood book, *Too Much Water, Too Much Rain*, and we are very happy that it continues to sell at a steady pace. We are very close to recouping the monies expended to have the flood book published.

Our pictorial flood exhibit was on display at the Cheshire County Historical Society in Keene, New Hampshire for one month, in October and early November, 2007.

We undertook a task of working with the Department of Transportation to acquire the Marx Woods Building (formerly Lufkin Plow Shop) at the end of the bridge in downtown Alstead. Our goal was to remove the 2nd floor apartment and renovate the remaining structure to resemble the building as it was in the mid-1800's. We would then display the Lufkin plows in the front portion of the building and set up a permanent flood memorial and display in the remaining space. All of our efforts in this project became null and void when it was determined by the Department of Transportation that this building would have to be raised to accommodate a temporary bridge while they replaced the bridge damaged by the flood.

We created a program and activities committee, chaired by Howard Weeks, and they did a wonderful job. During the course of the year, we sponsored four programs that were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

- 1) Matt Saxton gave a presentation on early furniture, where and how it was made and how much of it has survived generations of use.
- 2) Paul and Maggie Garritoni gave a demonstration on the preparation and cooking over open fires on a variety of meals. With their authentic dress, cast iron pots and pans, and the outdoor atmosphere at Vilas Pool, we

learned a lot about meal preparation two hundred years ago and enjoyed a very delicious meal.

- 1) Dennis Molesky conducted a walking tour of a mine and gave a talk on the extensive mining of minerals that occurred in Alstead for many years. Audience questions and input made for an interesting program.
- 2) Helen Frink (author of The History of Alstead) presented a wonderful insight into "Women and Work", covering a period of time from 1860 thru 1950.

Ian Relihan, one of the three high school co-authors of the flood book, became an intern for the Historical Society during the summer of 2007. Ian spent the summer scanning, indexing, and cataloging photos, books, maps, etc. Over nine hundred photos and two hundred seventy-five books are now computer accessible thru accession numbers. A great start for our vast collection of artifacts.

Through the diligent efforts of David Moody, the Historical Society applied for and received an LCHIP grant for \$35,000 to be used along with matching funds from the town and Historical Society for various projects in our museum and for the preservation of the Maybelle H. Still Memorial Building.

Thanks to the Alstead Garden Club and the Conservation Commission, flowers, shrubs, and trees were planted and maintained around our Historical Society Museum building.

The Society has many plans for 2008, and we look forward to more community folks attending our programs and events and getting involved in helping preserve our past history for future generations to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce A. Bellows
President, Alstead Historical Society

2007 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/02	Lebanon	Gillis, Nolan James	Gillis, Aaron	Gillis, Christine
01/30	Claremont	Fischer, Mark James	Fischer, Daniel	Fischer, Jessica
01/30	Claremont	Fischer, Jesse Alan	Fischer, Daniel	Fischer, Jessica
02/15	Keene	Avery, Aubrey Lynn	Avery, Terry	Avery, Krysten
02/28	Keene	Royce, Katelyn Elizabeth	Royce, Jordan	Ring, Jennifer
03/03	Keene	Anderson, Summer Rose	Anderson, Garry	Anderson, Audrey
03/18	Keene	Sullivan, Ryleigh Paige	Sullivan, Michael	Foster, Hopeann
03/25	Keene	Stone, Camdon Elson	Stone, Mark	Stone, Sarah
05/14	Keene	Kilton, Iris Madeline	Kilton, Theodore	Kilton, Brynne
05/27	Keene	Quaile, Carter Kaden	Quaile, Christopher	Ward, Krystee
07/08	Keene	Readley, Taylor Lorraine	Readley, Cameron	Moreau, Monique
07/14	Lebanon	Zalten, Miles Adrian	Zalten, Adrian	Zalten, Melissa
07/21	Keene	Vincent, Elizabeth Jeanne	Vincent, Daniel	Vincent, Christine
08/27	Keene	Robarge, Bryce David	Robarge, Joshua	Smith, Nicole
09/06	Keene	Cooke, Avery Annmarie	Cooke, Zachary	Clark, Jill
09/11	Keene	Colligan, Chance Cristian	Colligan, Timothy	Colligan, Bridget
09/28	Lebanon	Kramer, Averie Danielle	Kramer, Jeffrey	Kramer, Katrina
10/20	Alstead	Gangel, Gabriela Salucia	Gangel, Nicholas	Bernozzi, Lauren
10/21	Milford	Elbers, Asher Domine	Elbers, Noah	Elbers, Dove
12/10	Keene	Petrovich, Emma Sarah	Petrovich, Brian	Petrovich, Jennifer

2007 MARRIAGES

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date</u>
Amidon, William L.	Alstead	Crane, Mary C.	Amherst, MA	Keene	01/08
Robbins, Christopher D.	Alstead	Santaw-Johnson, Stephanie	Chesterfield, NH	Alstead	01/27
Crosby, Paul W.	Alstead	Stacy, Susan M.	Alstead	Alstead	02/24
Brodeur, Robert M.	Alstead	Lavigne, Brandi L.	Alstead	Walpole	03/03
Lantz, William M.	Alstead	Medlyn, Sheryl L.	Alstead	Alstead	06/02
Dussault, Griffin A.	Alstead	Balla, Jessica M.	Alstead	S. Acworth	06/30
Ulitsky, Gerald M.	Alstead	Santaw, Ruth M.	Alstead	Alstead	07/21
Robichaud, Christopher	Alstead	Bingham, Lisa M.	Alstead	Keene	08/18
Guetti, Shaun M.	Alstead	Bernard, Shea B.	Alstead	Walpole	09/02

2007 Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Primrose, Donald	Lebanon	02/06
Merrow, Lorraine	Alstead	02/23
Pratt, Doris	Alstead	03/01
Allen Jr., Percy	Keene	03/01
Mousley, Lee	Alstead	03/02
Wade, Leroy	Alstead	03/11
Haskins, Shirley	Alstead	03/23
Castellano, John	Keene	04/27
Nichols, Gladys	Alstead	05/11
Duffy, Jean	Keene	05/14
Garland, Henrietta	Lebanon	06/01
Pienkos, Walter	Alstead	06/03
Besaw, Eloise	Keene	06/24
Shepard, Philip	Keene	07/17
Brittain, Jeffrey	Alstead	08/21
Bascom, Donald	Alstead	08/30
Dunham, Bessie	Keene	09/22
Moodie, Helene	Keene	10/20
Wright, Irene	Alstead	11/06
Clark, Ora	Alstead	12/07
St. Cyr, Donald	Keene	12/25

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